

Delaware Bicycle Council October 5, 2005 DelDOT Administration Building Meeting Minutes

Members Present

Fred Breukelman, Dept. of Public Health Representative
Don Carbaugh, Chair and New Castle County Representative
Sgt. George Heberling, DE State Police Representative
Laura Madara, DNREC Representative
Doug Mills, New Castle County Representative
Amy Wilburn, At-Large Representative
Timothy Willard, Sussex County Representative
Tom Hartley, Kent County Representative

DelDOT Support Staff Present

Liddy Campbell, Administrative Assistant Joseph Cantalupo, Assistant Director, Division of Planning Fritz Schranck, Deputy Attorney General, DelDot

Members Absent

Harry Isaacs, Jr., Council on Transportation Judith Jeffers, At-Large Representative Lisa Moore, Office of Highway Safety Nicholas Vacirca, Department of Education Robert Witsil, At-Large Representative

Guests Present

Anthony Aglio, DelDot Planning Metta Barbour, Delaware Greenways Tom Felice, DelDot, Development Coordination

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 pm.

I. Welcome and Introductions

Introduction of Guests

Don asked the Council Members to introduce themselves, which included 3 guests, Metta Barbour, Executive Director of the Delaware Greenways and Tom Felice, Representative of DelDot, Development Coordination Department and Anthony Aglio, Delot, Planning Department.

Council Membership Update

Don stated to the Council members that Danna Levy, Council on Greenways & Trail Representative would no longer serve on the Council. Don also mentioned in the last meeting, John Schneider was to be appointed as a new Council Member, but John has left DelDOT since then and will no longer be joining the Council. Don noted that Tom Felice, another Representative for DelDot, was interested in joining the Council.

II. Old Business

Newsletter and WebSite

Don informed the Council that no Newsletter was sent out for September/October. Another one will be issued sometime in the spring. He asked the Council Members to think of any ideas they would like to add to the next Newsletter addition.

HB 178 "Share the Road" License Plate Bill

Don informed the group the only new information he had on the bill was late August, he was able to meet with Governor Minner at one of her Open Door Sessions, and she agreed to support the bill and suggested to Don to follow up with her current advisor, Lee Ann Walling to make sure the bill is progressing. At this point, the House has passed the bill and now it needs to go to the Senate for review. Tim Willard stated he would look into finding a co-sponsor.

Senate Bill 58 Kids Bicycle Helmet Bill

Don stated the bill has been passed by the Senate, but has not reached the House. Will have to wait until next session in January.

Route 1 Bicycle Accidents

Bud H. informed the Council that he had spoken with Corporal Mike Nelson, State Police, Troop 7, about some recent incidents that had occurred on Route 1. Bud gave a brief overview of two serious bicycle accidents; one of which resulted in a fatality and the other the bicyclist's injuries were critical and the driver was not charged. There was great discussion among the Council members on how these types of incidents could be prevented.

Anthony Aglio stated that he is working on getting safety based material together along with Share the Road material out to the public by placing it in Municipal Buildings and Real Estate Agencies around the beach, Route 1 area. He also suggested having Bike Pit stops on Route 1 and hand out give a-ways, like bike helmets and Share the Road Post Cards.

Amy also suggested Public Service Announcements would also help in getting the word out.

Autism Society Adaptive Bike Training Sessions

Laura spoke on behalf of Judi stating that the Adaptive Bike Training Sessions were very successful, had a great turnout, 29 kids participated. The only drawback was that there were not enough volunteers, so some of the parents filled in. There will most likely be another event next year.

"Walk Your Kids to School"/Safe Routes

Fred B. stated he has started the process of meeting with four schools to discuss the Walk Your Kids to School program.

Joe gave an update regarding the Safe Routes to School program. He stated that agreements for four schools are in the process of being worked on and we should be establishing guidelines by the end of the year. Once the Pilot Program is implemented, he would like to market the programs.

"Adopt-a-Bike Path"

Don reported that he had reviewed the Bike Path lists and said that the list still needs some work.

Fritz informed the Council Members that he met with Public Relations Department and one of the problems that they came across was actually pinpointing where the state maintained bike paths are located and how many the State actually owns.

Don suggested a more detailed list should be established that specifies Bike Paths from Point A to Point B. He also reminded the Council members that in the last meeting, it was unanimously agreed that the Council would adopt a bike path and would need to decide which one they would like to choose.

Bike Council Checking Account

Joe updated the Council on how much money was remaining in the Bicycle Council checking account.

Bike Master Plan Rollout/Council Public Meetings

The Bicycle Council will hold a series of public meetings once the Master Plan Rollout becomes official.

Other DelDot Updates

Joe informed the Council on a number of issues:

- 1. **Rail to Trail Master Plan-** Will be done by the end of the year.
- 2. **National Scenic Byway** Delaware's 1st State Scenic Byway designated on September 23rd.
- 3. **Bike/Ped Coordinator-** Anthony Aglio has been appointed as the new Bike/Ped Coordinator for DelDot.

III. New Business

Cycle Cross Event

October 22nd, Race will be held at Gren Oak-Thompsons Bridge Road from 10am to 5pm.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm